National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Presents ...

What You Need to Know About Financial Aid



Topics We Will Discuss

- What is financial aid?
- Cost of attendance (COA)
- Student aid index (SAI)
- Financial need
- Categories, types, and sources of financial aid
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)
- Special and unusual circumstances



What Is Financial Aid?

Financial aid consists of funds provided to students and families to help pay for postsecondary educational expenses





What Is Cost of Attendance (COA)?



Tuition and fees



Housing and food



Books and supplies



Transportation



Miscellaneous and personal



EFC to **SAI**



Previous

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
 - Ranges from 0 to 999999

Starting 2024-25 FAFSA

- •Student Aid Index (SAI)
 - Ranges from-1500 to999999

Student Income Parent(s) Parent(s) Index **Assets** Income Student **Assets**

Index used by the college to determine the financial aid offer

What Is Student Aid Index (SAI)?

Number resulting from the evaluation of a student's (and family's) approximate financial resources for a student's postsecondary education

Student contribution

Parent contribution (for dependent students)



What Is Financial Need?

Cost of attendance (COA)

- Student aid index (SAI)
- = Financial need



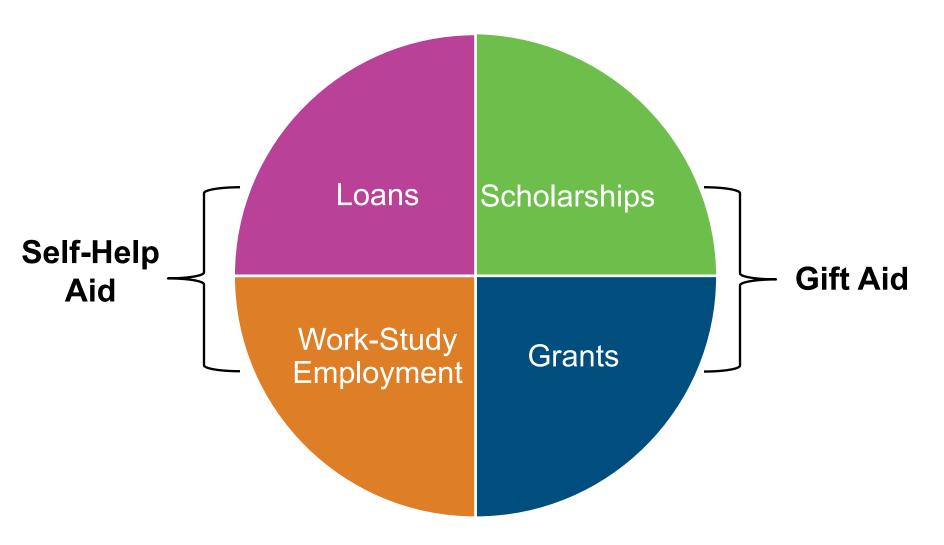
Categories of Financial Aid





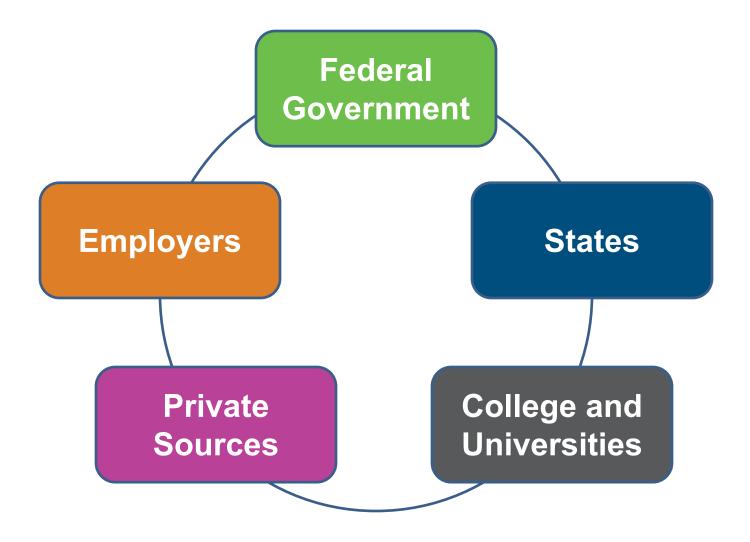


Types of Financial Aid





Sources of Financial Aid





Federal Government

Largest source of financial aid

Aid provided primarily based on financial need

Must apply each year using the FAFSA

Eligibility requirements must be met



Federal Student Aid Programs

Federal Pell Grant

Federal Supplemental
Educational
Opportunity Grant
(FSEOG)

Teacher Education
Assistance for College
and Higher Education
(TEACH) Grant

Federal Work-Study (FWS)

Federal Direct Student Loans (Direct Loans)

Federal PLUS Loans



States

Residency requirements usually apply

Aid may be provided based on both merit and need

Use information from the FAFSA and/or state aid applications

Deadlines vary by state



April 15th FAFSA Deadline

- 21st Century Scholarship
- Frank O'Bannon Grant
- Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship
- Credit Completion Requirement
 - Full-time enrollment
 - Dual Credit
- Satisfactory Academic Progress





Colleges and Universities

Aid provided based on both merit and financial need

Aid may be gift aid or self-help aid

Use information from the FAFSA and/or institutional applications

Deadlines and application requirements vary by institution



Private Sources

Foundations, businesses, churches, civic, and charitable organizations

Deadlines and applications procedures vary

Begin researching private sources early



Employers

May have scholarships available to the children of employees

May have educational benefits for their employees



Federal Student Aid Estimator

- Early estimation regarding SAI and possible Title IV aid available
- Requires
 demographic,
 income, and asset
 information



https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

- Collects demographic and financial information
- Information used to calculate the student aid index (SAI)
- Colleges use SAI to offer financial aid
- Available in English and Spanish

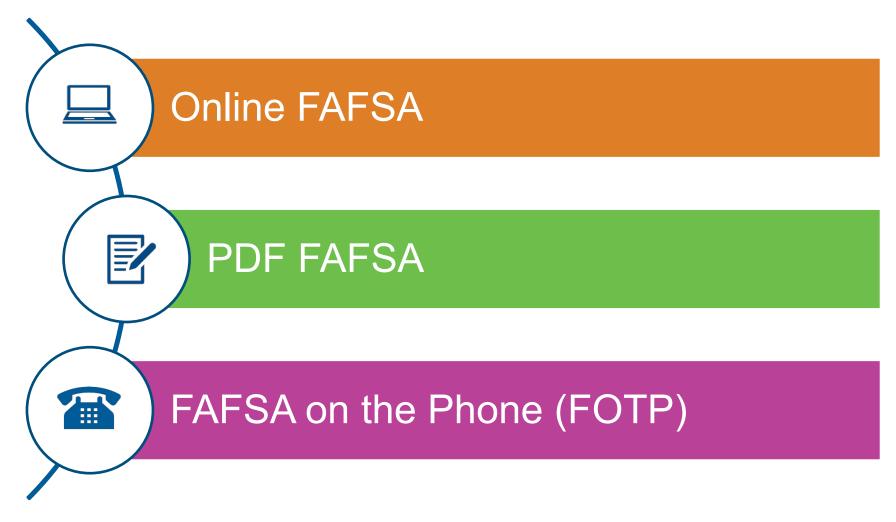


Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

- May be filed at any time during an academic year, but typically no earlier than October 1st prior to the academic year for which the student requests aid
- For the 2024-25 academic year, the FAFSA may be filed starting in December 2023 (exact date to be determined)
- Colleges may set FAFSA priority dates



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)





Account Username and Password (FSA ID)

- Used for FAFSA completion and access to certain U.S.
 Department of Education websites
- Student and parent must create own FSA ID
- May be used throughout financial aid process, including subsequent school years
- Only the owner should create an FSA ID

Create an Account

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to manage the student loan journey.

Get Started

Already have an account? Log In

What You Can Use Your Account For

- Filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form
- · Signing your Master Promissory Note (MPN)
- · Applying for repayment plans
- Completing loan counseling
- · Using the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Help Tool

What You'll Need

- Social Security number
- · Your own mobile phone number and/or email address



Apply at https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch

FSA ID Required

Create account at: studentaid.gov

- Account required & unique to each person/contributor
 - Person with SSN confirmed through SSA
 - Person without SSN confirmed through new match with credit bureau (available soon)

Alert: FSA ID <u>must</u> be set up & confirmed <u>before</u> filing the FAFSA due to consent requirement

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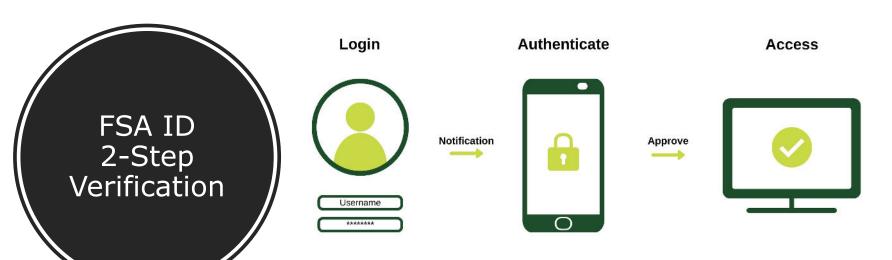
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- Social Security number
- · Your own mobile phone number and/or email address



FSA ID Reminders



- Account authenticated each time the FSA ID is used
- Forgot username and/or password?
 - Access regained through linked email or mobile phone
- Challenge questions also an option but access is

 delayed
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IRS DRT to FADDX

2023-24 and before

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- Tax filer had option to link to IRS to pull tax info into FAFSA
- Required
 - FSA ID
 - Address from appropriate tax year's taxes
 - Sometimes a little luck



2024-25 and beyond

Future Act Direct Data Exchange (FADDX)

- Tax information pulled directly from IRS by U.S. Department of Education behind the scenes
- Required
 - FSA ID
 - Consent





Consent is REQUIRED

Regardless of whether the student and/or parent(s) filed taxes, consent is required for everyone!

- NO consent = NO federal or state financial aid eligibility
- FAFSA will reject & no SAI will be calculated

Provide Consent or Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid

Summary

Your consent is needed to retrieve and disclose federal tax information (FTI). With your consent, we can obtain tax return information automatically from the IRS to help you complete the FAFSA* form. If you don't provide consent, you will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans. You must provide consent even if you didn't file a U.S. federal tax return or any tax return at all.

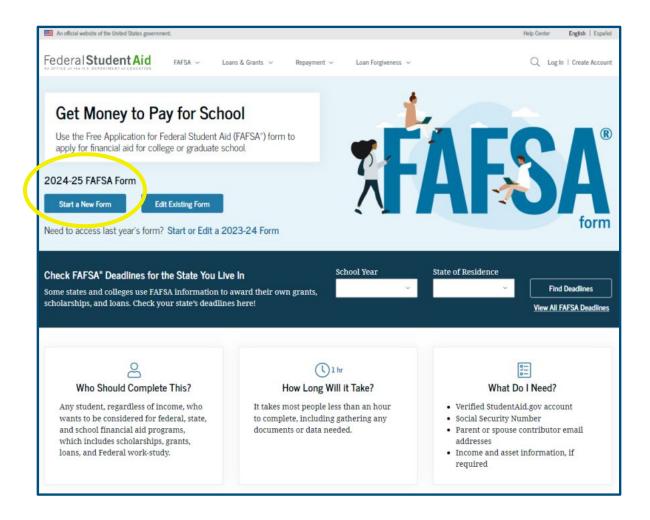
- Get your 2022 tax return information for the 2024–25 FAFSA form.
- Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.
- FTI is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.

Under penalty of law, I certify that I am the individual associated with the FSA ID log-in credentials used to access the FAFSA form to provide the necessary approval and consent for the disclosure and use of my federal tax information (FTI) from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. By accepting below, I approve and consent to:

- The U.S. Department of Education to disclose my Social Security number, last name, and date of birth to the U.S. Department of the Treasury in order to obtain my FTI only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and the amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by a program authorized under subpart 1 of Part A, Part C, or Part D of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.
- The use of my FTI by U.S. Department of Education officials and contractors (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(I)(13)), only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by a program authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.



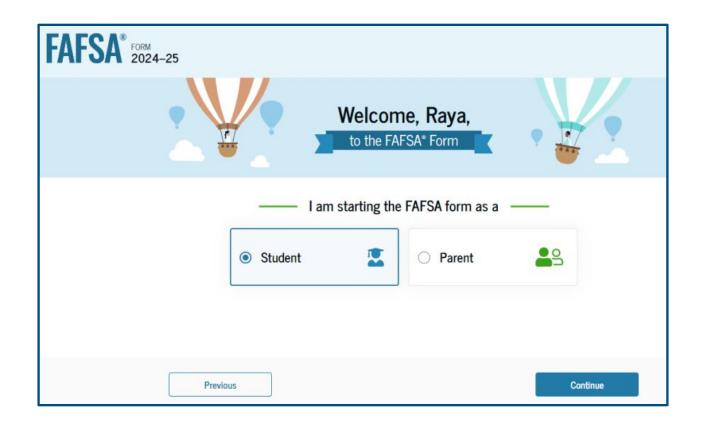
Online FAFSA



Note: Online FAFSA screenshots from U.S. Department of Education's 2024-25 FAFSA Form Preview Presentation, July 2023



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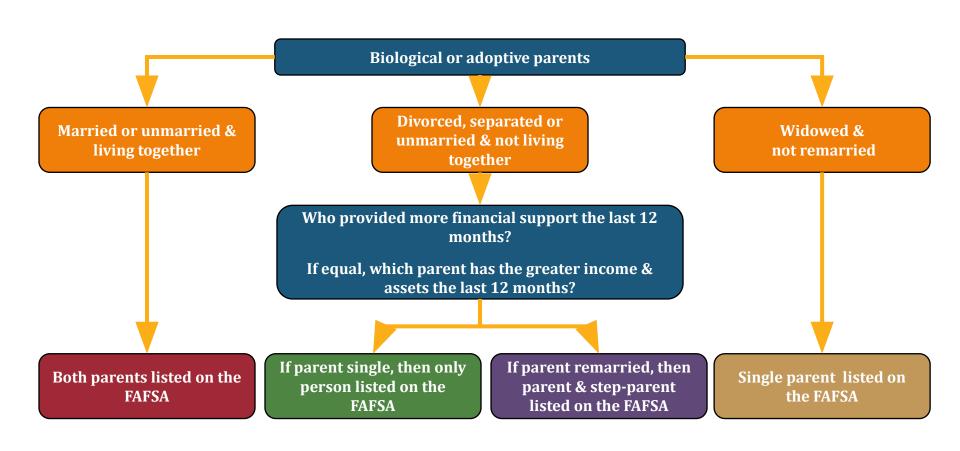
FAFSA Contributors





Who is the Parent?



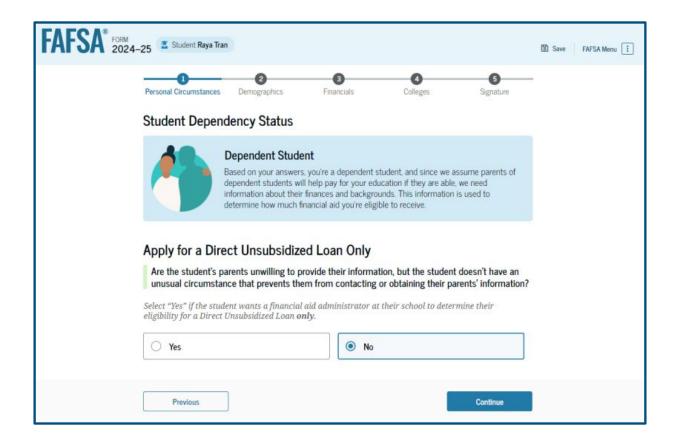


Student Information

- Identity and contact information
- Consent for FTI transfer from IRS
- Marital status
- College plans
- Personal and unusual circumstances



Student Dependency Status





Provisional Independent Status



Once identified as provisional independent student:

- Continue FAFSA like an independent student
- No parental questions
- Receive a provisional SAI & eligibility
- Instructed to work with college financial aid administrator for final determination.

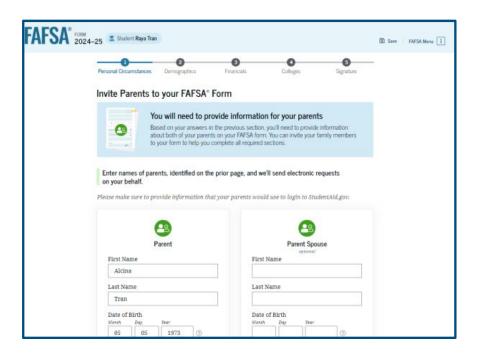


Unusual Circumstances

- Conditions that justify an institution making an adjustment to a student's dependency status
- Student does not provide parental data on FAFSA
 - Considered provisionally independent
- Student follows institution's process for dependency override determination



Student Invites Parents to FAFSA



 Student provides personal information about parents to invite them to complete parent portion of the FAFSA



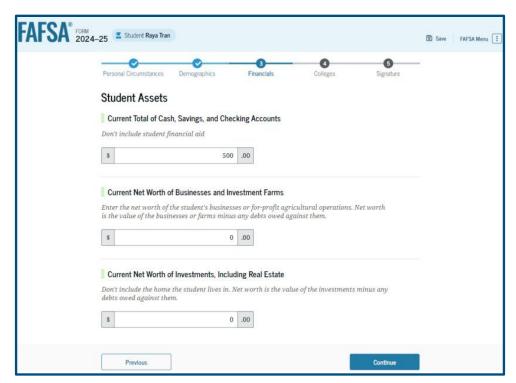
Student Information

- Demographic information
- Citizenship status
- Parents' education status
- Parent killed in line of duty
- High school information



Student Financial Information

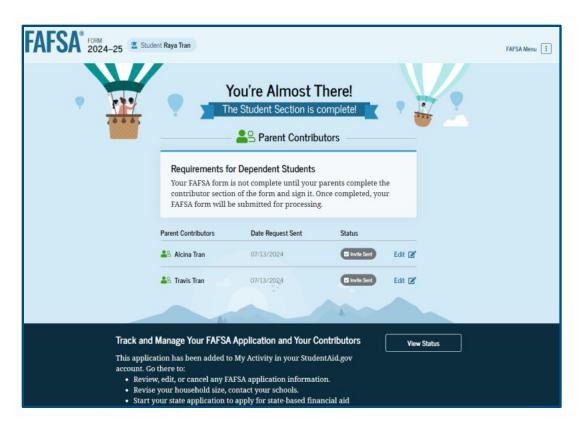
- Tax return information
 - Minimal questions if FTI transferred from IRS
- Asset information





Student Section Completion

- College selection
- Review of information
- Signature

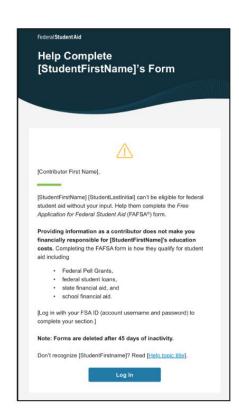


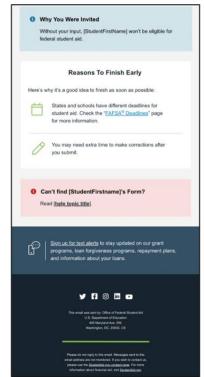


Sample Invitation Email



- Provides the student's name
- Indicates the student can't be eligible for federal student aid without this contributor's data
- Confirms that providing info does NOT make the contributor financially responsible
- Link to login & get started





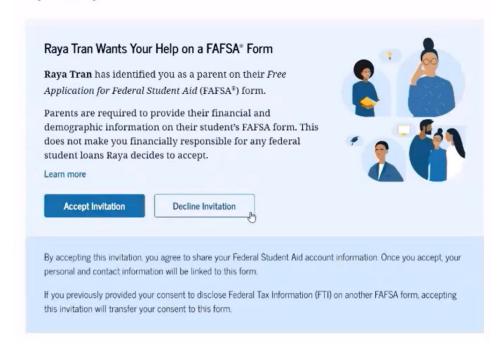
Parent Status Screen



Parent access

- Clicks link in invitation email
- Login with FSA ID
- Taken to "My Activity" page
- Accept or decline the invitation
 - If accept, then confirmation of agreeing to share info
 - If decline, presented an opportunity to reconsider

My Activity



Parent Information

- Identity and contact information
- Consent for FTI transfer from IRS
- Marital status
- State of legal residence



FADDX & Contributors



Marital status & tax filing status still impacts information required

- Married filing joint 2022 tax return with current spouse
 - ◆ 1 contributor section, 1 consent, & combined tax info transferred via FADDX
- Married filing separate 2022 tax returns
 - ◆ 2 contributor sections, 2 consents & separate tax info transferred via FADDX
- Single filing a 2022 tax return with a "single" type tax filing status
 - ◆ 1 contributor section, 1 consent, & tax info transferred via FADDX

FADDX & Contributors



What if tax information can't be retrieved or individual's situation isn't eligible for FADDX

- Additional questions displayed to determine if contributor did file a tax return
 - If yes, income and tax field provided for manual entry by the contributor
 - If no, then continue to next questions on the FAFSA.

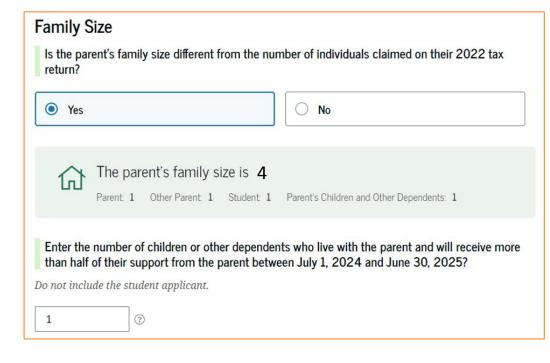


Family Size



Family size determined from individuals claimed on 2022 tax return

- Option provided to change family size if tax return doesn't reflect current situation
- Tax return info is protected data & not shown to the contributor



Number in College





No impact on the FAFSA

- Question is asked on the FAFSA, but its not used in the SAI calculation
- Schools may elect to consider a family's situation on a case-by-case basis, but this is an individual college's decision.

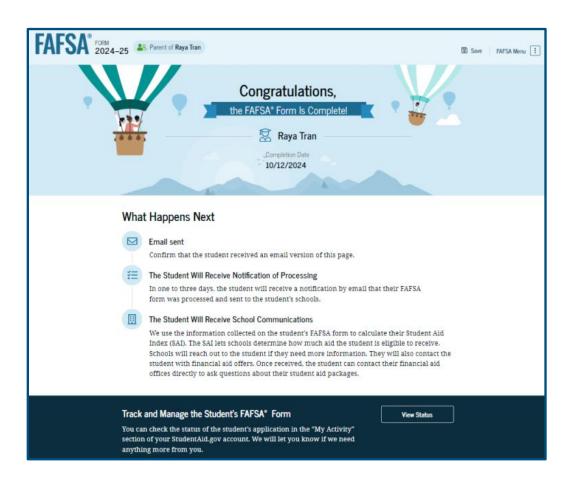
Parent Financial Information

- Receipt of means-tested federal benefits in the previous two years
- Tax filing status
- Family size and number in college
- Tax return information
 - Minimal questions if FTI transferred from IRS
- Assets
- Other parent information



Parent Section Completion

- Review of information
- Signature and submission of FAFSA





Miscellaneous Notes

- Each contributor signs & submits their section. Last contributor to complete also submits the FAFSA form.
 - Student receives an email when form complete & submitted
- Student can track their application status on the studentaid.gov dashboard under "My Activity" area.
- Contributors can only see their submitted info, unless it is the student, who can see all info.
 - Data transferred from IRS is protected and no contributor can view it.



Student Confirmation Page Sample





Miscellaneous Notes

- Students can list up to 20 schools to receive their FAFSA data
- Colleges/Universities required to inform students of opportunities, the process, & required documentation for:
 - Special circumstances situations that potentially justify a change to the FAFSA
 - <u>Unusual circumstances</u> conditions that potentially change the student's dependency status
 - Independent determination carries forward to subsequent years unless there is reason to believe the situation has again changed.

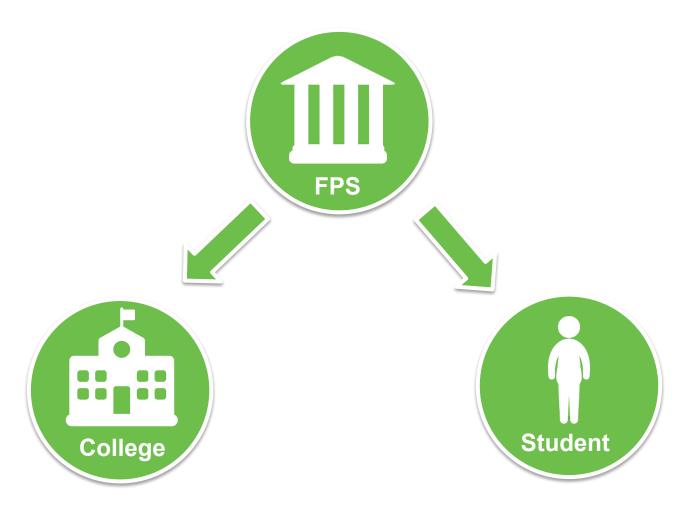


Other Considerations

- If independent student is married, spouse information is required as well
- Consent to transfer FTI from the IRS is required for ALL contributors
 - Including student, student's spouse (if applicable), parent, and other parent (if applicable)
- Students, parents, and preparers may start, complete, and submit a FAFSA



FAFSA Processing Results





FAFSA Submission Summary

- Four sections:
 - Eligibility Overview
 - FAFSA Form Answers
 - School Information
 - Next Steps
- Ability to print summary





Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR)

- FPS sends results to colleges listed on the FAFSA
- College reviews ISIR and may request additional documentation



Making Corrections

If necessary, corrections to FAFSA data may be made by:

- Using online FAFSA;
- Updating paper FAFSA Submission Summary; or
- Submitting documentation to college's financial aid office.

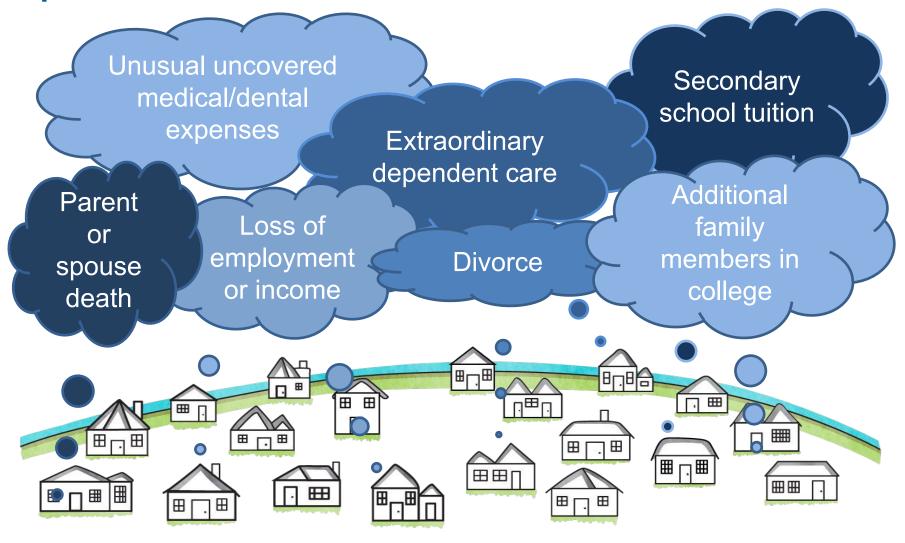


Special Circumstances

- Different than unusual circumstances (dependency overrides)
- Unique conditions exist that cannot be documented with the FAFSA, or circumstances have changed since filing
- Student should contact institution's financial aid office for more information
- Decisions are final and cannot be appealed to U.S. Department of Education



Special Circumstances





College Goal Sunday

Date for 2024

- February 25, 2024
- Time: 2 4 pm (Local Time)

Celebrating over 30 years of helping Hoosier families file the FAFSA!

CollegeGoalSunday.org



ISFAA.org





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